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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. The references were cited in an International Search Report, mailed August 23, 2005.

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